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'TIS well known that the French, among their other Artifices to maintain the Duke of Anjou on the Throne of Spain, have made very great Uſe of the Pretext of Religion; cajoling and keeping very fair with the Clergy, and repreſenting the Catholick Church to be in great Danger from King Charles's being aſſiſted by Troops of Hereticks. The following Extract of a Paſtoral Letter written by Cardinal Portocarrero when the Duke of Anjou was in Catalonia, is one great Inſtance of this: And what renders it the more remarkable and worth the publick View at this Time, is, that the Cardinal himſelf, who has been deeper in the French Councils and ſeen more of their ill Arts than any Man in Spain, being tir'd of the mean Part they had prevail'd with him to act, was one of the firſt Perſons of Figure that wrote to the Marquis das Minas, to congratulate him on his Arrival at Madrid with the Army of Portugal and its Allies, and to expreſs his Duty to King Charles III.

DON Lewis Emanuel, by the Goodneſs of God and of the holy Roman Church, Biſhop of Paleſtrina, Cardinal Portocarrero, Protector of Spain, Archbiſhop of Toledo, Great Chancellor of Caſtile, one of his Majeſty's Councellours of State, &c. To our dear Brethren, the Dean and Chapter of the holy Church of Toledo, and to the Archdeacons, grand Chaplain and Vicar of the ſame; to the Abbots, Priors, and Deans of the Collegiate Churches; and to the Arch-Prieſts, Vicars, Rectors, Curates, perpetual Chaplains, and other Prieſts of the Pariſh Churches, as well of the City of Madrid, as of other Cities, Towns, and Villages, and generally to all the Eccleſiaſticks of our Dioceſs, of what Rank or Condition ſoever they be, and to each of them in particular, Greeting and Benediction.

We make known, that the Queen our Miſtreſs, whom God preſerve, Regent of theſe Kingdoms, has acquainted us by 2 Letters dated the 3d of this Month, that the unſhaken Piety of the King our Lord, whom God preſerve, before he reſolv'd to make the Campaign, had ſuggeſted to him, that in his taking the Field, or in any other Action, he could not, upon any ſolid Grounds hope for good Succeſs, unleſs by publick Prayers he had Recourſe to the Fountain of Mercy; and for that Reaſon it was, that his Majeſty order'd publick Prayers to be made for the divine Aſſiſtance, before his Departure. Now the Queen authoriz'd by that Example, and excited by the Confidence the King has repos'd in her, by putting into her Hands the Government of theſe Dominions, during his Abſence; a Truſt which ſhe thinks ſhe cannot diſcharge as ſhe ought, without the Favour of Heaven and the divine Aſſiſtance, has commanded us to give Direction, that throughout our Archbiſhoprick, the publick Prayers be renew'd with that Fervour which the Occaſion requires, and which her Majeſty expects from that Zeal and interiour Law which prompts her Subjects to make due Returns to the Affection her Majeſty has for them, and of which ſhe endeavours to give them full Proof, by her conſtant Application to whatever may contribute to their Quiet and Eaſe. The Queen adds, that the obſtinate and reiterated Perfidiouſneſs with which the Enemies of the Faith and Dominions of her Majeſty, continue to make War upon this Monarchy, and the Dangers with which Hereſy threatens the Faithful and their Country, have oblig'd the King, out of the paternal Love he has for all his Subjects, to go and put himſelf the third Time at the Head of his Army, for the Defence of the Honour of God, the Maintenance of the Purity of our Religion, and the Preſervation of his Kingdoms; which are all Motives that engage divine Providence on his Side. The Queen has likewiſe given us to underſtand, that in the Courſe of ſo long and univerſal a War, it has been neceſſary to iſſue ſuch conſiderable Sums in urgent Exigencies, that the Royal Treaſury is exhauſted: But her Majeſty knowing how much the Two Eſtates, the Eccleſiaſtick and Secular, intereſt themſelves in this Enterprize, and yet being firmly reſolv'd not to lay any Impoſition upon the Eccleſiaſtical Eſtate, but only to try their Affection, leaving intirely free that Loyalty and Zeal, of which they have given ſuch ſignal and frequent Proofs, in leſs preſſing Occaſions, to the Kings her Majeſty's Predeceſſors, has Reaſon to hope, that in ſo urgent a Neceſſity, ſo laudable and eſtabliſh'd a Cuſtom will be renew'd, and that every Eccleſiaſtick will readily contribute the moſt he can to the Succeſs of ſo important an Enterprize. Her Majeſty has order'd us therefore to propoſe it to all the Chapters, Fraternities, and Eccleſiaſticks of our Dioceſs; and to all the regular Prelates; to the End that every one may contribute voluntarily what he ſhall think fit: And her Majeſty reckoning upon our Zeal, expects that we employ without Delay, the moſt gentle and proper Means to procure a voluntary Effect of this Propoſal, and as ſpeedy a Diſpatch as the Exigency as the Caſe requires.

Whereupon bearing always in mind, that God has given us a perfect and amiable King, who was fix'd in this Monarchy by the inconteſtable Right of Blood, the Will of the late King, and the Deſires of the People who call'd him to the Throne, by the publick Acclamations with which he was receiv'd, and by the ſolemn Oaths with which his Dominion was own'd and ſubmitted to; conſidering moreover how imminently the Neighbourhood of Hereſy threatens our holy Religion, by the falſe Opinions which it may inſinuate into the Hearts of the Faithful,

ful, tho' instructed in the Truths of Faith, the Devil making use of this means to destroy them, to plunge them into the Abyss, and extend the Kingdom of Darkness over the Dominions of Light; and making serious Reflection, how much it behoves the Ministers of the Lord, consecrated to the Service of the Altars, and dedicated to their Honour and Glory, to remove from the Breasts of the Faithful so great a Danger, before the Poison has wrought upon their Souls, and to exert all their Strength in seconding and supporting the temporal Arms of our Monarch, by the spiritual Arms of Prayer and of the Holy Doctrine: Considering these things, we say, we infer, That we ought all to concur, not only by spiritual Efforts, but also by temporal, and to succour his Majesty in his Straits, at the Expence of those Goods and Revenues which his Catholick Government acknowledges and declares to be exempted and privileg'd, by a free and voluntary Contribution which nothing but our Love for him and for the Faith imposes on us. The Priest Ahimelech did not refuse to relieve King David in his Necessity with the hallow'd Shew-Bread that was so religiously kept in the Tabernacle. The King sets us an Example, by sacrificing his Ease for our Tranquility. His Majesty quits his Court for our Sakes, to expose himself to the Hardships of the Campaign and the Dangers of War: This fatherly Care deserves a suitable filial Return from his Subjects, and especially from the Clergy on whose Assistance his Majesty depends, without losing the least Regard for their Immunities, Exemptions, and Privileges, which his Majesty constantly acknowledges and confirms, out of a true Christian and Catholick Disposition. His Majesty does not found the Expectation he has of this Succour from the Clergy, on any thing but the Examples so often repeated of the Proofs they have given their Kings of their Love and Zeal, on less Occasions. His Majesty asks nothing of any of them, but what their own Loyalty and Affection shall urge them to. He leaves them wholly at Liberty to contribute of their own Accord, and each according to his Ability, to enable him to drive out the Enemies of the Monarchy, who at the same time are also Enemies of our Religion and Faith.

We intreat them, by the Respect they have for our Dignity and Person, to contribute each in particular, in the present Exigency, to help forward a Work no less needful than important, and to make a due Return to the Esteem and Affection his Majesty expresses for the Ecclesiastical Estate, and to the Confidence and Expectation which his Majesty has of this Succour. Accordingly, our Duty and Affection prompting us, we shall set the first Example, as we have always done, by contributing on our Part, as far as the excessive Expence of our Dignity and the pressing Necessities of our Dioceses will permit, which Necessities, by the Calamity of the Times, are extremely multiplied, as is generally known, within these 4 Years. We order all the Curates of every Place, and all the Superiors of the Ecclesiasticks, to exhort and move them to contribute hereto voluntarily and the most they can. &c.

Given at Madrid, the 17th of March, 1706.

London, August 23.

An Express arriv'd Yesterday Morning, with an Account that Sir Cloudsly Shovel with the Fleet under his Command, sail'd from Torbay on Tuesday in the Evening.

Never Acted there before.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Friday, being the 23d of August, will be presented a Comedy, call'd, The London Cuckolds. It being the last time of Acting till after Bartholomew-Fair. Note, That no Card Tickets will Pass.

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